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To: New Jersey FFA Chapter Advisors/Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resource Teachers  
New Jersey FFA Members

From: Erin E. Noble, NJ State FFA Specialist

Re: **State Officer Candidates' School**  
**Saturday, January 31, 2009, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**  
First Floor Auditorium, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Warren & Market Street, Trenton NJ

**REGISTRATION IS DUE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009.**

State Officer Candidates' School (SOCS) is a one-day training conference designed for FFA members, advisors, and parents to learn more about the state officer experience.

**1.) SOCS – FFA MEMBER WORKSHOP**

FFA members interested in running for state office or serving on nominating committee are encouraged to attend SOCS. The member workshop focuses on the nominating committee process, the roles and responsibilities of state officers, and other important information state officers should know about agriculture, food and natural resources education. The conference is presented by the current state officer team. The executive committee will be assisting with the program. Attendees must have permission from their parent, chapter advisor and a school administrator. This permission slip is located under the "Advisor-Parent Permission Slip" tab of the registration form.

**2.) SOCS – ADVISOR/PARENT WORKSHOP**

Advisors and parents of potential state officers are encouraged to attend this workshop. The advisor/ parent workshop focuses on what students will be involved in as a state officer, some fundamental information about agricultural education, and what happens after elections. Some sessions will be combined with the FFA member workshop.

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

The conference registration fee is **\$9.00 per person attending (including members, advisors, parents, etc.)**, which covers conference costs and lunch. Please make your check for **\$9.00 per person** payable to: **Treasurer, State of New Jersey** and forward it to the Office of Agricultural Education, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, N.J. 08625-0330. Please indicate "SOCS Registration" in the memo line of your check. **Registration is due Wednesday, January 14, 2009.** Please use the registration form at **[http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/rural/ag\\_ed/events.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/rural/ag_ed/events.htm)**. **The conference will begin with registration at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. Official dress/business attire is required.** Advisors and parents are not required to attend, but it is strongly encouraged for the overall support of the candidate. For liability purposes, please fill out the "Advisor/Parent Permission Slip" that is part of the electronic registration and fax it to the Office of Agricultural Education (609-633-2421).

If you have any questions please contact Erin Noble at (877) AgEdFFA.

## Directions New Jersey Department of Agriculture Building Market & Warren Streets Trenton, NJ

**From North:** Take NJ Turnpike South to exit 7A.  
(Follow directions below for East.)

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Take Route 1 South to Capitol Complex exit, last exit before bridge in New Jersey.  
Turn right at light onto Warren St.  
Turn left at next light onto Market St.  
Turn right at next light into parking lot.  
(See Parking below).

**From South:** Take Route 130 or 206 North to I-295 North to I-195 West.  
(Follow from East)

**From East:** Take I-195 West which turns into Route 129N.  
Follow Route 29N,  
Take Market Street Exit. (Right hand exit)  
Turn left at light into parking lot  
(See Parking below.)

**From West (PA):** Take Route 1 N. Bypass tollbooths (no toll). Take first exit. Go through intersection. Turn right at sign for 29 N. Pass Rt 1 N exit Take next exit for Market Street. Turn left at light into parking lot (See Parking below)

**Parking:** The visitors' section of the parking lot is the southwest corner. After entering the lot at the light, pass 2 rows, make left to the end. Park in the section where cars are facing perpendicular to those that you just passed.

The Agriculture Building is 8-story square building with a round building attached. Entrance is between the two buildings.

